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OFFICE OF
SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Dr. Warren Thompson
Director, Forest Products Laboratory
Mississippi State University
P.O. Box Drawer FP
Mississippi State, Mississippi, 39762

Dear Dr. Thompson,

In following up our conversation of July 27, EPA is interested in your assistance as a technical expert in the action of the EPA and the State of Minnesota against Reilly Tar and Chemical Company for its former site in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. There are three areas of need for expert opinion, namely (1) the nature of wastes from the wood-preserving process, (2) the nature of wastes from the refining of coal tars (you mentioned that you would check the availability of a former Kopper's employee), and (3) the treatment, historical and current, of both coal-tar processing and wood preserving wastes.

I am also interested in the work you discussed on the mobility of wood preserving wastes in the environment. I would appreciate it if you could send me your publications in this area and in the areas mentioned in the first paragraph.

Please send me your resume and a quotation of your fee charge. Also please cite any on-going or past work for Reilly Tar or any trade association representing this industry. Upon review of these materials, members of the litigation team will discuss the case with you, probably in person, and once you join the team, I will send you the materials we have gathered in the course of discovery.

I think that you will find this case quite interesting, since a large population has been exposed to these wastes through a complex pathway leading to municipal drinking-water wells. I hope to work with you soon on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Michael W. Kosakowski

Michael W. Kosakowski
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WORK ASSIGNMENT # _____

(1) Case Title: Reilly Tar and Chemical Company

(2) Period of Performance of Work Assignment is from effective date of the Work Assignment until end date of Contract (9/25/81) unless otherwise specified: * until April 1982

(3) Case Attorney, address, commercial telephone number:
Richard Emory EPA Wash., D.C. WH527M 382-3109

(4) Identify EPA person (name and EPA office) who has contacted expert, and specify date and nature of contact. Provide phone number of EPA contact if other than the EPA Case Attorney: Michael Kosakowski 382-3118
July 1981 Telephone conversation and follow-up letter, exploratory in nature

(5) Scope of Work:

a) Background/Purpose - RCRA/CERCLA suit to clean up a hazardous waste site caused by a wood preserving and coal tar distillation operation.

b) Task Description - Review wood preserving process description. Predict environmental fate of wood preserving pollutants. Review site clean-up proposals.

(6) Special Restrictions - Confidential Business Information, TSCA: None

(7) Location of where work will be performed: Mississippi State, Mississippi
Minneapolis, Minnesota

(8) Schedule of Deliverables: Process description review - Sept. 25, 1981
Environmental fate - December 1, 1981
Review clean-up proposals - through April 1982

(9) Key personnel, maximum labor hours authorized, approved hourly rate: *

~~Warren Thompson, PhD~~

Name	Labor hours	x	Rate	= Subtotal
Warren Thompson, PhD	216 (27 days)			
601-325-2116				

\$ _____

(10) Other costs authorized - maximum amounts: * ~~\$2000~~

Travel (transportation and per diem):	\$2000
Communications (itemize):	100 phone calls, letters
Materials and Supplies:	300
Support Help (Clerical):	
Other:	

\$ 2500

(11) Ceiling on Work Assignment Total Cost

\$ _____

(12) Signature constitutes approval of above terms _____

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*Provisions should be written to provide for flexibility in work schedule, levels of efforts and costs.